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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – Four Men from California Arrested for Inciting the Charlottesville Riots**

(U) Four members of a militant white supremacist group from California were arrested on charges they traveled to Virginia last year to incite a riot and attack counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally that turned deadly, federal authorities said yesterday. The defendants — Benjamin Drake Daley, Michael Paul Miselis, Thomas Walter Gillen and Cole Evan White — are part of the Rise Above Movement, which espouses anti-Semitic views and meets regularly in public parks to train in boxing and other fighting techniques, according to an affidavit written by an FBI agent.

SOURCE: 2 October 2018, [AP](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – US CBP and Local Law Enforcement Bust Hebbbronville Stash House**

(U) Laredo - Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents alongside Jim Hogg County Sheriff's deputies rescued several subjects from an apparent stash house on 1 October. US Border Patrol agents assisted sheriff's deputies following a traffic stop on State Highway 16. Agents performed immigration inspections on the vehicle's occupants, and determined the driver was a US citizen, while the passenger was in the country illegally. Based on information obtained during the traffic stop, agents and sheriff's deputies conducted a welfare check at a local mobile home. Seven additional illegal aliens were discovered at the residence.

SOURCE: 2 October 2018, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Two Letters Sent to the Pentagon Test Positive for Ricin**

(U) Washington – Two letters that arrived at a Pentagon distribution center have tested positive for the poison ricin and a "suspicious envelope" had been sent to the White House, defense officials and the Secret Service said yesterday. The letters sent to the Pentagon were addressed to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, an official said. It was unclear whether Mr. Mattis, who is traveling this week, and Adm. Richardson were notified about the letters. The Secret Service confirmed yesterday that it had intercepted an envelope on 1 October that was addressed to President Trump but didn't comment on whether the envelope contained ricin or was related to the letters sent to the Pentagon.

SOURCE: 2 October 2018, [The Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Treasury Sanctions Firms and Individuals with Yakuza Connections

(U) Washington – The US Treasury Department, yesterday, said it put sanctions on two Japanese companies and four individuals whom it said were linked to the Yamaguchi-gumi, the largest syndicate of the Yakuza crime network. US authorities listed the Yakuza as a transnational organized criminal group in 2011, authorizing sanctions with those associated with the network. The Yakuza, according to the US, comprises the major Japanese organized crime syndicates. It is engaged in human trafficking,

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drug smuggling, weapons trafficking, extortion and white-collar crime, the US says. The Treasury has targeted at least 21 individuals, five crime syndicates and two subsidiary gangs associated with the Yakuza. The sanctions mark the first time the Treasury has targeted Yakuza-owned companies, it said.

SOURCE: 2 October 2018, [The Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) France – French Police Seize Weapons and Detain Three in Anti-Terror Raids**

(U) Paris – French police detained three people and seized weapons during raids of a dozen homes and the headquarters of a Muslim association based outside the port city of Dunkirk during an anti-terrorism operation yesterday, officials said. Authorities froze the funds of the Centre Zahra France, along with those of three other organizations and four men linked to the groups. Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said the prefecture of the region was in the process of closing the prayer room of Zahra France, headquartered in Grande-Synthe. He said the three detained were taken in for illegal weapons possession. Police didn't say what types of weapons were found.

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